

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 1929 - HB 1966**

February 23, 2018

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Prohibits a board, commission, or similar multi-member governmental entity from promulgating rules, issuing statements, or intra-agency memoranda which infringe upon an entity member's freedom of speech. Requires a joint evaluation committee to review accusations against any entity to determine if just cause exists. Authorizes the joint evaluation committee to make recommendations for legislation concerning such entities.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- Any duties of a joint evaluation committee, created pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-29-103, will be handled by a current standing subcommittee of the Joint Government Operations Committee (JGOC).
- The proposed legislation would require the JGOC to determine if just cause exists within an accusation against such governmental entity; and in the event just cause is determined to exist, the JGOC shall review the governmental entity during the next legislative session and may make recommendations for legislation concerning the entity's sunset status, rulemaking authority, or a termination of state funding.
- Any meeting required of a JGOC to comply with the provisions of this legislation will be accomplished at a regularly-scheduled meeting; therefore any fiscal impact to state government is estimated to be not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee".

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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